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Upon first receiving an inquiry, the questioner should be told that the matter will be checked into. The information below should be given out upon returning the call after a suitable interval.

"CIA was shown a prepublication manuscript of THE PENKOVSKIY PAPERS by their editor, Frank Gibney, who has the story of their origin and acquisition. It was determined that the PAPERS do not contain any information which might result in the compromise of National Security information available to this Agency. We did not, however, comment on the content of the manuscript."

NOTE: If the inquirer asks about the authenticity of THE PENKOVSKIY PAPERS, the response would be:
"On the face of it, the material would appear to be authentic."

NOTE: If the inquirer asks if CIA sponsored publication of THE PENKOVSKIY PAPERS, the only answer must be a flat denial.

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